

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment

Request; Davis-Bacon Certified Payroll

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Davis-Bacon Certified Payroll," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

DATES: Submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site,

http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL PRA PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division (WHD), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-6929/Fax: 202-395-6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), email: OIRA submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Copeland Act requires contractors and subcontractors performing work on federally financed or assisted construction contracts to furnish weekly a statement with respect to the wages paid each employee during the preceding week. See 40 U.S.C. 3145; 29 CFR 3.3(b). Regulations 29 CFR 5.5

(a)(3)(ii)(A) requires contractors to submit weekly a copy of all payrolls to the Federal agency contracting for or financing the construction project, if the agency is a party to the contract, accompanied by a signed Statement of Compliance indicating that the payrolls are correct and complete and that each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the proper Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rate for the work performed. 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(ii)(B).

The DOL has developed optional use Form WH-347, Payroll Form, to aide contractors and subcontractors performing work on federally financed or assisted construction contracts in meeting weekly payroll reporting requirements. 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(ii)(A); see also, 29 CFR 3.3(b). Properly filled out, this form will satisfy the requirements of Regulations 29 CFR parts 3 and 5 as to payrolls submitted in connection with contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to

penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1235-0008. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2011; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on August 8, 2011 (76 FR 48181).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u>. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Control Number 1235-0008. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or

other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Wage and Hour Division (WHD).

<u>Title of Collection:</u> Davis-Bacon Certified Payroll.

OMB Control Number: 1235-0008

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits.

<u>Total Estimated Number of Respondents:</u> 96,096.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 2,210,208.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2,062,861.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$369,105.

Dated: December 1, 2011.

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